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—Samuel Gompers.

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REPORT
—TO OUR READERS-OWNERS

"Report on Human Nature"

Some time before the Greyhound depots from Oregon to Louisiana were shut down for repairs of industrial relations, Dean Jennings ran the following in his "It's News to Me" column in the Chronicle:

"Discouraging report on human nature: The newsstand people in the Greyhound depot on Seventh Street have removed the plate of money with the sign that read: Make Your Own Change. They were losing $3 or more every day."

Then there was that agent at the New York Central station at Chappaqua, N. Y., who had to threaten to show movies he had taken of "well dressed commuters in this swank village" pilfering an "honor system" newspaper stand cash box.

The station agent explained that he had decided to do something when his losses from the "honor system" change box began averaging $12 a week. He drilled a hole in the ceiling above the box, borrowed a movie camera from a friend, and took 50 feet of film to show what was going on.

The film showed that some well dressed people would "put a penny in the box and take out a quarter in change."

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Five Cents, Please!

Now it's time to localize this, and bring it right down to brass tacks—or copper pennies—right in our own Labor Temple.

A good many weeks ago we put a rack in the lobby of the Temple, and every week have put a bunch of our papers there. We placed a sign that explains the paper is five cents a copy, and another one right on the coin slot to the same effect.

Result: Sometimes as many as 30 or 40 papers are taken without being paid for. Others are paid for, but often the unpaid-for outnumber the paid-for.

Moral: Apparently some labor people are on the same moral level as well dressed commuters in Chappaqua, N. Y., or as miscellaneous users of Greyhound buses—when the said buses are running.

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F. F. Lopes Sets Good Example

Doubtless there are many honest well dressed commuters in Chappaqua and many honest Greyhound bus users. Also, we know there are certainly some fine honest people in the labor movement. For example, take Frank F. Lopes, 21508 Hunter, Hayward, member of Sheet Metal Workers 216.

The other day we got a postcard from Brother Lopes on which he had written:

"Each week you send me two Labor Journals. There must be an error in your files. I enjoy reading one Labor Journal, so instead of sending me two, send me one and send the other to someone else so he can enjoy it."

There's a labor man so honest and thoughtful and willing to take trouble for his labor paper's management that he worries about one extra paper being sent to him, and so he bothers to take a postcard and write a message to us about it. Brothers and sisters, there's the sort of thing we appreciate.

As for those of you who take the paper without paying for it, we hope you profit by reading it. Don't worry. We won't take any moving pictures of you. It would cost us too much, and we're sure you wouldn't want us to go broke. Then there wouldn't be any papers for you to steal—beg pardon, to take without paying for, to put it more fraternally.

Castlemont Adult School Schedules New Classes

Public Schools Release

The Castlemont Adult School, 8601 MacArthur Boulevard, has scheduled classes for the new semester which starts March 25.

Supplementing the wide range of courses in the academic, business, mechanical, homemaking, craft, and cultural fields will be three new classes. Interior Decoration and Home Furnishings, Landscaping and Home Gardening, and Lampshade Making. By popular demand another class in Real Estate Law will be presented starting April 15.

The adult school offices will be open on Tuesday, March 18 and Thursday, March 20, for advance registration.

For complete information regarding the Castlemont Adult School program call Lockhaven 8-8129 or LOckhaven 8-4418.

DOES SMEARING OUR GOVT. AS 'GANG' BOOST BLOOD DONATION?



Courtesy The Machinist
Courtesy Labor

SOME BLOOD'S BLACK, SOLDIER!—This excellent cartoon, reprinted through courtesy of the Machinist, raises the natural question: Why don't more redblooded Americans valiantly give blood for the troops in Korea? Perhaps one reason is because certain blackblooded reactionaries make outrageous attacks on our Government, and create confusion in the minds of citizens. Read the story under this and see what you think.

Taft's California Man and Committee On 'Facts' Smear Labor and President

By the Editor

How reactionary can some of our homegrown California politicians get?

This question blows into the mind with great force as the result of reading two documents that came into the office of East Bay Labor Journal this week.

One is a reprinting of a speech from the Congressional Record made by Honorable Thomas H. Werdel of the Tenth California District, who lives in Bakersfield. This was sent in to us by an Oakland Democrat who obviously was astounded by the intemperance with which Werdel attacked the Administration.

The other is a questionnaire sent out by the "Republican Fact Finding Committee" of the 21st Congressional District to prospective candidates for Congress in that district. A copy of this questionnaire was sent in by John A. Despol, secretary-Treasurer of the CIO California Industrial Union Council, with this concise and correct note attached: "Thought you would be interested!"

WERDEL ATTACKS LABOR

Honorable Werdel in his speech asks:

"Why are we at war in Korea and why is it permitted to continue?"

Here is part of the honorable gentleman's reply to his own question:

"Mr. Speaker, we know the purpose of the gang that has usurped the Government of our country. It is to continue to buy votes with the daily earnings and accumulated wealth of our God-fearing Christian families, in order to maintain itself in power. That purpose was aided and abetted by war in Korea.

"We know that commencing during the last war, the gang running this country and entrenched with executive power made unconscionable alliances with a handful of labor leaders who were supposed to turn over the vote on election day.

"LABOR DEMAGOGS"

"This, sir, is the police state. I believe it is a reasonable estimate that the vast majority of workingmen living in metropolitan areas are not in organized labor and that a very high percentage in organized labor in those cities do not receive the political payoff by this administration to a handful of labor demagogs who are supposed to turn over the vote."

Yards and yards more of that line of stuff, including a bitter attack on such dangerously radical journals as "the New York Times, the New York Herald Tribune, Life, Look, Time Magazine, and many others."

DIVIDES IN WARTIME

Considering the extent to which Honorable Werdel goes in trying to persuade our American Armed Services men that they are fighting merely to serve "the purpose of the gang that has usurped the Government of our country," and considering the further fact that Honorable Werdel is head of the pro-Taft hate-Warren delegation that will be on the ballot in the June primary, it seems relevant to quote this that has been said of Honorable Werdel's hero:

"Taft has now fully embraced McCarthy, and it might as well be faced that he is willing to tear the nation in two in wartime if it will help make him President."

Those words are from an article by TRB in the New Republic of February 11, but many observers of the antics of Honorable Taft and Honorable Werdel have independently arrived at the same conclusion.

THE QUESTIONNAIRE

Turning now to the antics of the "Republican Fact Finding Committee" in the 21st Congressional District, of which committee Mrs. Jane Cox, 12155 Tiara Street, North Hollywood, lists herself as secretary, we behold some frantic antics indeed.

This questionnaire has 33 questions, many of them having many subordinate parts. It is explained at the top of the first sheet that it is "to be completed by persons wishing to appear before the Fact Finding Committee for the Selection of a Republican Candidate in the 21st Congressional District for the 1952 Elections."

THE "RIGHT" ANSWERS!

Note that the questionnaire is to be "completed" by prospective candidates. Certainly the word "completed" is appropriate, because the committee with the long name has put in the "right" answers to many of the questions.

For example, here is question 28: "Check any number of the following which you believe should be investigated in regard to fostering influences, either financial or philosophical, which are not traditionally American."

Obligingly marked in advance for the "correct" answer that they should be investigated are the following, among others: Rockefeller Foundation, Voice of America, State Department, UNESCO, Ford Foundation, Progressive Education.

OPEN SHOP, OF COURSE!

Question 29 is interesting, too: "Check any number of the following which you believe would benefit the organized laborer."

One of the things which is marked on the questionnaire in advance as something that would help organized labor is, you've guessed it:

OPEN SHOP!

Of course, this "questionnaire"—for really the word should be put in quotes—is so fantastic that you're prone to assume it's some kind of a joke. But not when you've just been reading Honorable Werdel's speech.

WHAT'S TO BE DONE?

What is to be done about this sort of thing? East Bay Labor Journal has a suggestion. Look at the line at the very top of this page—and when you look at it remember that this year there's going to be a bitter fight made against the re-election of our own Congressman George P. Miller. Now, brace yourself, that line at the top of this page reads:

REGISTRATION FOR JUNE PRIMARY CLOSES APRIL 10! IF YOU'RE A PATRIOTIC CITIZEN, YOU WILL MAKE SURE THAT YOU'RE REGISTERED!

Johnny Allen Is Key's Driver of the Month

Johnny Allen of Carmen 192, on the No. 82 Oakland-Hayward line, is Key System's "Driver of the Month."

Allen was selected by a committee headed by Oakland Mayor Clifford Rishell from among a list of drivers commended by riders.

Allen began driving with the old West Oakland Bus Lines in 1933, and has never followed any other trade.

BTC Favors Age Reduction Bill For Disabled

The Building Trades Council went on record Tuesday in favor of a Congressional bill which proposes to make disabled persons eligible for social security benefits at 62 rather than 65 years of age.

Telegrams containing the BTC decision have been sent this week to all California representatives in the U. S. Congress.

HUMPHREY FOR S. 1973

On the matter of other telegrams which the BTC sent to several U. S. Senators recently, a reply was received this week from Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, chairman of the subcommittee on Labor and Labor-Management Relations.

"Please be assured," he wrote the council, "that I shall do everything that I can to get the basic principles of Senate Bill 1973 enacted into law."

Senate Bill 1973 is sponsored by the AFL Building Trades Department and provides for the elimination of representative elections in the building industry.

The bill, if passed by Congress, will also override all state laws that outlaw union shop agreements.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

BTC Business Representative Jack Reynolds and BTC Secretary John Davy have been appointed to attend the quarterly conference of labor representatives of building trades councils to be held in Sacramento on March 21.

PRUDENTIAL AGENTS

William J. Foley publicity chairman of AFL Insurance Agents, Locals 219 and 55, wrote the council thanking the delegates for their fine cooperation during the recent strike of the Prudential Insurance agents.

CONTRACTOR SIGNS

Secretary Davy reported that Mack L. Haney, Oakland plastering contractor, had signed an agreement with the council.

And the Fee Name Led All the Rest

The Fee clan are apparently doing right well in legal matters in the Bay Area.

Thomas Fee, recording secretary of University of California Custodians Local 371, has been accorded the honor of being named foreman of a special Federal Grand Jury in San Francisco.

The jury is now considering evidence in the case of James G. Smyth, ousted collector of internal revenue, and three others.

William P. Fee, assistant secretary of the Alameda County Central Labor Council served on the Alameda County Grand Jury in 1950. Bill and Tom are not related.

Finally we have Federal Judge James A. Fee of the Oregon district, no relation to the above Fees, who suggested the impaneling of the special Federal Grand Jury of which Thomas Fee was named foreman.

Yet Fee is an unusual name, according to Bill, Tom and Jim!

Three AFL Officials Named to Transit Body

SAN FRANCISCO (LPA)—Gov. Earl Warren has appointed Thomas A. Rotell and John J. Sheridan to the Bay Area Rapid Transist Commission, and Harry Johnson to the Interim Ports Commission. Rotell is executive secretary of the Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council. Sheridan is vice-president and business agent of Local 315, Truck Drivers, Contra Costa County, and a member of the Richmond City Council. Johnson is assistant secretary of the Sailors Union of the Pacific.

ATTENTION! Theatrical Employees Union, Local B-82, I.A.T.S.E.

The report of the theater negotiating committee will be made at the next meeting March 20, 1952, Thursday, 11:30 p. m., 2142 Broadway, Oakland, Calif. This report will affect your future wage scales and working conditions. Please make every effort to attend, for your own sake.

JOE CONNELLY,
Business Manager

Maney on Policy Group, Laundry Workers' Meet

The Western Conference of Laundry Workers will meet in Seattle March 18-20.

Eddie Maney, business representative of Laundry Workers 2 here, is on the policy committee, and will be in attendance.

Maney has for years been sergeant-at-arms of the Central Labor Council.

NEW HAMPSHIRE IS WARNING TO LABOR

(Editorial)

The New Hampshire primary election results warn labor:

1. Corruption is a real issue. The defeat of Truman by Kefauver was a protest vote against corruption. The voters felt Truman had been too easy on crooks in office. Labor organizations, as well as political parties, should take notice that officials believed to be corrupt are a political liability.

2. Taft is stronger in industrial centers, supposed to be citadels of labor, than we like to believe. Eisenhower lost Manchester, the principal industrial city, to Taft. Were there labor people helping Taft carry that big bailiwick? Have our labor leaders really made rank-and-file members understand the Taft-Hartley Law?

New Hampshire thunders: Clean House! Educate!

Top Court Orders Bridges' Lawyers, Gladstein, to Jail

Labor people and those studying the Supreme Court's interpretation of civil rights for unpopular minorities were interested this week in the U. S. Supreme Court's ruling on lawyers defending Harry Bridges and officials of the Communist Party in two separate cases.

The top court on Monday upheld contempt of court sentences for Vincent W. Hallinan and James Martin MacInnis, attorneys for Harry Bridges.

Also the court upheld the contempt of court sentence for Richard Gladstein, the Bay Area attorney who was one of the lawyers defending national Communist Party officials in the 10-month trial before Federal Judge Medina in New York in 1949.

SIX MONTHS IN JAIL

Hallinan and Gladstein must serve six months in jail, and MacInnes must serve three months.

Eastern lawyers associated with Gladstein in the trial of Communists also must serve terms in jail under the court's ruling.

Bridges and two other officers of the independent International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union were tried and convicted of perjury in connection with Bridges' citizenship papers. Bridges' counsel had many clashes with Federal Judge George Harris in the course of the trial. The Judge imposed the sentences for contempt, and the attorneys appealed the case.

Judge Medina in New York early warned Gladstein and the associated lawyers that he would take action against them at the end of the long trial, when he imposed the sentences now sustained by the court of final appeal.

THREE JUSTICES DISSENT

Justices Hugo Black and William O. Douglas voted that MacInnes should have a rehearing. In the case of Gladstein and associates, the decision was 5 to 3, with Justices Black, Douglas, and Frankfurter dissenting.

The majority opinion was that it was essential to uphold the orderly procedure and dignity of the court, and that the defendants had deliberately and outrageously defied the court.

The dissenting opinions held that the imposing of jail sentences in these cases constituted a "summary blasting of local careers," and a "menace to lawyers" who defend "unpopular persons for unorthodox causes."

CALLED LAWYER A LIAR

Whether an angry Judge is entitled to try and sentence a man for contempt was one point brought up by Black.

Black cited the fact that Judge Medina had called one lawyer for the Commies a liar. Black held:

"Calling a lawyer a liar marks a drastic deviation from the desirable judicial standard. A Judge who does this should no more be permitted to try the lawyer he accuses than a Judge should be permitted to try his own case."

This is a point on which organized labor has been very sensitive for years, contending that a Judge's power to slap labor people and their lawyers into jail for an alleged offense against himself is a survival of ancient dictatorial methods.

Strike of AFL Greyhound Drivers in Second Week

The seven-state Pacific Greyhound strike ground into its second week with no sign of a settlement between the AFL Carmen and Motor Coach Employes and the operators.

Federal Conciliator Omar Hoskins continued his efforts toward ending the transit strike by holding informal talks with representatives of the union and the company. So far he has had little success.

The strike began after the company refused to consider a union request for a 40-hour, five-day week plus a pay raise for long distance drivers from $7.26 to $8.50 per 100 miles. The unions also wants wages for short distance drivers to be increased from $1.63 to $2.04 an hour.

The company countered with an offer of a 4.5 per cent wage boost and a two-year contract that would be tied to the cost of living.

Local Commercial Telegraphers Union On the Alert in Western Union Fight

Negotiations between the Commercial Telegraphers Union and the Western Union Company broke off when the company claimed it was broke and couldn't negotiate for wage improvement.

The local here along with locals all over the country is now preparing for a strike vote.

The principal issue is the 40-hour week. At present some employes of the company have a 40-hour week, and others, working alongside them, have a 45-hour week, getting straight time for 40 of the hours and time and a half for the extra five hours.

The union wishes to have the wage scale adjusted so that all will get what the present 45-hour week people get, and all will work a straight 40-hour week.

Delegate Tony Silva of the CTU reported the above facts to the Central Labor Council this week.

Silva said that the company is putting in a huge mechanization program extending over a 10-year period which is to replace many employes.

"The mechanization program has already ousted 13,000 workers for the company over the country," said Silva.

Silva said that the Oakland local is very much alert to the importance of the issue, but in some parts of the country CTU members were not so thoroughly informed.

REGISTER TO VOTE!!!
In the June Primary Election
Registration Deadline, April 10

You must re-register if you wish to change your Party or have changed your name

ELIGIBILITY

1. Citizen 21 years
2. In state 1 year
3. In county 90 days

You must also re-register if you did not vote in the last general election or if you have moved since then.

DO IT NOW!!

Physicians Service Pays $4476.71 in Care of an AFL Man's Injured Wife

Commercial Publicity

California Physicians' Service has paid out $4476.71 for services received by the wife of an AFL union member who was critically injured in an automobile accident—and bills are still coming in.

CPS, the doctor-sponsored Blue Shield health plan, provides health coverage under comprehensive health-welfare programs in which thousands of California union members are enrolled.

The case of the union member's wife is one of the most telling examples of the value of "service" type health coverage provided by CPS.

The woman's husband became a CPS member, and enrolled her as a dependent member, when a Northern California union signed up for CPS benefits on December 1, 1950. Only 18 days later—December 18, 1950—she suffered severe injuries in an automobile mishap.

On February 29, 1952—more than one year later—CPS records revealed that $4476.71 had been paid out for a wide variety of services (surgery, hospitalization, ambulance, nursing, drugs) which Mrs. ——had received. Treatment for her condition is continuing, and additional bills undoubtedly will be paid by CPS before the woman fully recovers.

Without CPS, the family obviously would have been wiped out financially.

Mrs ——'s injuries were so severe that she has been in and out of the hospital six different times. For one of her hospital stays CPS paid $1083. Bills for the other five periods of hospitalization (including drugs) bring total CPS payments for hospitalization to $3433.33.

The woman has undergone four operations and CPS has paid $962.38 for surgeons, assistant surgeons, anesthetists, consultants and X-rays.

Private nursing and ambulance services make up the balance of total CPS payments to date of $4476.71, said Loren Atwood, CPS labor enrollment manager.

Candy 'School' Agrees to Hire Union 'Students' to Sell Those Sweets

Delegates laughed and cheered ironically Monday night as they heard Secretary Robert S. Ash read out the report of the CLC executive committee on the "educational" activities of the C & C Candy Corporation, located in Vern's Shopping Center, 5011 Telegraph.

The company had been cited before the executive committee by Secretary-Treasurer Harris Wilkin, Food Clerks 870.

George Chaconcas, head of the company, had told the committee that what he was really doing was carrying on an educational enterprise. Some of the techniques were so intricate that girls paid up to $25 tuition fees.

In what might be called the Ph.D. department, where the candy was wrapped and sold to customers, the girls got $6 a day, returned $5 for tuition, and kept the dollar change—except for social security deductions, etc.

The executive committee trembled on the verge of referring this academic enterprise to the education committee, but finally decided to appoint a committee of learned unionists to deal with it according to the philosophical traditions prevailing in the university known unofficially as the Labor Temple.

Result: Professor Harris Wilkin, when asked by East Bay Labor Journal the next day, "What happened?" replied at once: "The C & C Candy Corporation has won a diploma now—they've agreed to hire only union help."

Laundry Workers and Claremont Hotel

The dispute of Laundry Workers 2 with the Claremont Hotel was reported well on the road to settlement this week by William P. Fee, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council.

Fee said that a committee from the Central Labor Council sat in with Eddie Maney and Walter East of the Laundry Workers in a discussion with the hotel management and the United Employers.

The union had contended that while the hotel and some other "independents" did not belong to the association which through United Employers bargains collectively with the laundry workers, these "independents" had regularly gone along with the terms agreed upon in such negotiations. But in the case of the Claremont, the management had balked.

It was agreed at the conference that the hotel will pay the agreed wage scale retroactive to December 1, and will go along with the welfare plan.

At the next conference of the two groups, Fee thought, arrangements for signing of the agreement by the hotel management might be made.

Results of International Pressmen's Union Election Announced to Press

It has been announced at Pressmen's Home, Tenn., that the AFL International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union confirmed officially today the election of Thomas E. Dunwody as president.

The union, in announcing official results of the February 20 election, said Dunwody defeated Joseph J. Seppi of Chicago by a vote of 1048 to 148.

William H. McHugh of Indianapolis was re-elected secretary-treasurer over John F. Kelly of San Francisco, 856½ to 350½.

George L. Googe of Atlanta was re-elected commercial representative vice-president over Fred Brooks of San Francisco, 861-335, and Walter Turner of Los Angeles was re-elected special worker vice-president over Roscoe Mahieu, Peoria, Ill., 1054-142.

Other vice-presidents named without opposition were Anthony J. DeAndred, Boston, assistants representative; Jack Torrence, Chicago, newspaper representative; and Fred W. Maxted, Hamilton, Ont., Canadian representative.

'Help Asia By Aiding Unions Here,' Is Theme

One of the surest ways to build better relations between the United States and the peoples of Asia is to build a sound union structure in this country, containing a larger proportion of the population, and taking a tolerant civilized attitude toward other peoples.

Moreover, there are some unions in the United States which are doing a remarkable job in building such a sound democratic labor structure.

This, roughly summarized, was the theme which President John Quinn and Secretary Robert S. Ash of the Central Labor Council developed in reporting to that body's delegates on the third annual Workers' Education Conference which they attended Saturday and Sunday in Santa Monica.

OUR OWN INSOLENCE

Ash said he was tremendously impressed by the down-to-earth idealism of Dick Deverall, the AFL's representative in Asia. Also, said Ash, he was depressed by the obviously true stories Deverall told of the mortally dangerous attitude taken toward Asiatics by many of our people in the Orient.

Deverall avoided associating with the brass of military and diplomatic establishments, and got right down with the people in all the countries he visited. He found that the assumption of many Americans is that they can with impunity amuse themselves by throwing lighted cigarette stubs and empty beer cans at the "natives."

Deverall said that Asiatic people in general, whether pro-Communist or anti-Communist, are extremely sensitive about news of race discrimination in the United States, and about the way the villians in our movies and comic books so often turn out to be persons of an Asiatic cast of countenance.

UNION CRUSADERS NEEDED

Deverall feels, said Ash, that during the history of this country it has been the American people who have led the world in revolution, in building a better life for all, and that our only salvation now is to educate, agitate, and organize good labor unions to lead the country forward in this democratic course. **Unions, said Deverall, should get back of the Point 4 program to help other peoples help themselves.**

The trouble now is, said Deverall, that too many of our labor leaders have ceased to be crusaders.

"I'm afraid he's right about that," concluded Ash.

QUINN ENTHUSIASTIC

President Quinn gave an enthusiastic account of a union leader who is a genuine crusader, and who has achieved membership participation in economic and political activities which Quinn considered "almost incredible."

This crusading union leader is Harold Gibbons, executive officer of the Teamsters' Warehouse and Distribution Workers Local 688 of St. Louis. Quinn said that while the success of Gibbons' methods was astounding, Gibbons' account of the matter was so circumstantial and obviously factual that there could be no doubt about it.

Gibbons, a former Socialist and at one time in the CIO, has every warehouse in the many in which his 10,000 members work, so well organized with a shop steward and active committees that every rank and file member is kept interested and active.

"The membership turnout is remarkable," said Quinn. "It's a commonplace for them to have 90 per cent attendance at a meeting."

POLITICAL STRUCTURE

Quinn stressed the fact that in the widespread political network Gibbons' union has built up throughout the St. Louis precincts, careful attention is paid to the troubles of any citizen, not only those belonging to the union.

The sick, the unemployed, those in trouble of various sorts, have developed the habit of turning to the union precinct leaders in their difficulties, said Quinn.

Quinn said that he was glad to see several Northern California unionists at the conference. He mentioned Marilyn Anglin, Office Employes 29, Ed Ross of the Teachers, Jeffery Cohelan of Milk Drivers 302, and Secretary George Johns of the San Francisco Labor Council as among those present.

The conference was held under the auspices of the University of California Institute of Industrial Relations.

Cohelan, labor consultant for the Institute, assisted in preparations for the conference.

IRVING BERNSTEIN, research associate of the Institute of Industrial Relations at UCLA, has been named chairman of the Wage Stabilization Board for California, Arizona and Nevada.

NOTICE! Steamfitter and Refrigeration Members, Local 342

Please be advised effective April 1, 1952, the dues per month for all members of Local Union No. 342 will be listed below:

Building Trades Journeymen—Dues $6.00; Insurance, $1.00; Total $7.00.

Metal Trades Journeymen—Dues, $4.25; Insurance, $1.00; Total, $5.25.

Apprentices—Dues, $4.25; Insurance, $1.00; Total $5.25.

Inactive Members—Dues, $2.25; Insurance, $1.00; Total, $3.25.

Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Bus. Mgr., L. U. 342

Attention! Members Sheet Metal Workers, Local 216

Death Assessment No. 337 is now due and payable. Brother Stephen J. Tandyk, No. 128653, a member of Local No. 216 passed away on January 22, 1952.

Fraternally,
LLOYD CHILD,
Business Representative

AFL Commentator Frank Edwards, KFRC, 10:15 P. M., Monday Through Friday

See the IAM's Dramatic Show "Without Fear" Over KGO-TV at 9:30 P. M. Every Tuesday

Kopke Congratulates the Los Angeles Painters Council on Its New Weekly

Los Angeles County District Council of Painters 36 has launched a lively weekly, named Thirtysix.

The second issue of Thirtysix ran a letter sent in by Jack Kopke of Painters 1101, who is a special organizer for the Painters International, addressed to J. W. Peeler, secretary of District Council 36.

Following is Kopke's letter to Peeler:

Just received the Number 1 issue of your Council's newspaper "Thirtysix." It looks good and reads good.

A paper such as "Thirtysix" fills a crying need of all Union working men and women. It does much to bringing the Union into their homes. It will tend to educate your members and encourage them to assist each other in fighting for their common objectives.

May I list myself with the many who are congratulating the membership and Unions affiliated with District Council No. 36 for this splendid step forward.

Fraternally,

JACK KOPKE,
Special Organizer.

Defense Job Aid to Cut Unemployment

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Moving to combat heavy unemployment, the government has directed that Detroit, Providence, R. I., and Wilkes-Barre and Scranton, Pa., be given special consideration in award of defense contracts.

Similar treatment was recommended for five other areas with at least 6 per cent jobless—Asheville, N. C.; Lawrence and Brockton, Mass.; Pottsville, Pa.; and Crab Orchard, Ill.

Relief for unemployed building trades workers also neared with announcement that plans are under way to permit erection of about 80 new commercial buildings in New York, Los Angeles, Boston, Washington, San Francisco, Seattle and Portland, Ore.

The Defense Department was ordered by Defense Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson to see that firms in Detroit and the other three cities be allowed to match any prices negotiated for contracts elsewhere. Although a recent order permits awarding contracts to labor surplus areas at higher prices, Wilson said that, at this time, no "differential" is necessary.

Result, however, will be reviewed in 30 to 45 days.

At the same time, Labor Secretary Maurice J. Tobin certified four more "surplus manpower" areas that may be given special contract treatment. Added to the list were: New Bedford, Mass., Martinsburg, W. Va., Iron Mountain, Mich., and Iona-Belding-Greenville, Mich.

McKinnon, Senate Candidate, Sees Labor

Arrangements were made this week for Clinton D. McKinnon, candidate for the Democratic nomination for U. S. Senator, to confer with labor people at the Labor Temple Friday afternoon.

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash in announcing the meeting called attention to the fact that a similar opportunity to meet with labor people had been given to Dewey Anderson, a candidate for the same nomination.

McKinnon is representative of the 23rd Congressional District, and lives in San Diego.

The seat in the Senate McKinnon seeks to capture is now held by W. F. Knowland, Republican.

Pay Increase for Cemetery Workers

Some 150 members of Cemetery Workers 322, affiliated with the Building Service Employes, have received a wage increase of 64 cents a day, bringing their daily wage to $14.50.

Negotiations with the United Employers, representing 11 cemeteries, went on for some time, said Eugene Guiney, business representative of Local 322.

The wage increase is retroactive to March 1.

Some 190 cemetery workers on the San Francisco side are getting a similar increase.

Unions Buy Insurance Firm

DALLAS (LPA)—Texas AFL unions and their members have purchased 73 per cent of outstanding stock of the Continental Fire and Casualty Insurance Company. They previously took over Insurance Company of Texas and Life Insurance Company of Texas. v

New officers of Continental include William J. Harris and Paul C. Sparks, president and secretary of the Texas State Federation of Labor. Its assets as of December 1 were $1,140,089 with $250,000 capital and $251,468 in surplus. Insurance Company of Texas' assets were $1,789,370, with $400,000 capital and surplus of $301,295.

Do you wish men to speak well of you? Then never speak well of yourself.—Pascal.

Smith and Parrish Win $2350 Award for Injured Todd Shipyard Worker

Following is part of the Workmen's Compensation News Letter for February as prepared by Joseph E. Smith and William Shannan Parrish, attorneys at law for members of Workmen's Compensation Insurance Plan:

We wish to report another heart case which was decided in favor of an injured workman.

J. O. D., a member of 1149, was working for Todd Shipyards in November of 1950. He was sanding the hull of a ship, became ill at work with pains in his chest and his condition was diagnosed as a heart attack.

About 10 days later the circulation in one of his lege became impaired and his left leg was removed at the knee. Eleven months after this injury he came to see us and we filed a claim with the commission.

After a knock-down, drag-out affair we were able to prove that the sanding taxed the man's heart causing a coronary block which resulted in his initial heart attack; that the clot was caused by the impairment of the circulatory system, which made necessary the amputation of the man's leg.

The award of the commission provided for the immediate payment of $2350 to the injured brother, reimbursement of all medical expenses and continuous weekly compensation until further order of the commission. A permanent disability rating will also be received for the amputated leg.

We strongly urge all brothers not to wait 11 months before they contact an attorney and to be sure they report all heart cases to their business representatives so that it can be determined whether or not they were caused by their employment.

Connecticut is the first state to establish by statute a rate equal to the 75-cent minimum wage rate set by the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

Shelley Blocks The Associated Farmers' Move

East Bay Labor Journal has received a wire from Congressman John F. Shelley of San Francisco, former president of the State Federation of Labor:

"In response to my strong urging, the State Department has announced its opposition to the move by the Associated Farmers to import South Koreans for farm labor."

AFL Gals Bowling Team Four Games Out of Lead

The Labor Temple Gals Bowling team returned to the bowling wars after a week's layoff and trounced the Don Budge team at the Oakland Broadway Bowl last week.

As a result of their victory, the Gals are now only four games out of first place in the Winter League Bowling competition.

The home town team members include Team Captain Eileen Odegaard, Verna Eliason, Ray Lewicki, Maxine Omstead and Elly Schappert.

Haggerty Seeks Views On LLPE Endorsements

State Federation News Service

In a communication addressed this week to all local LLPE leagues, C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor League for Political Education, urged that recommendations for endorsements at the state pre-primary convention of April 7-8 be filed with the state league office by April 1, 1952.

Citizens Advisory Group On Schools Formed Here

A citizen's advisory group on school problems has been formed here.

Among the members of the Pilot Committee of the citizen's group are Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash, Mrs. Harry Sunderland, president of the 28th District, California Congress of Parents and Teachers; Mrs. Cora A. Riser, president of the Oakland Board of Education; Harry W. Spencer, insurance broker, and Bruce Howard, vice-president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

State Fed Announces Scholarship Contest

State Federation News Service

Announcement of the second annual state AFL scholarship contest was made this week to all high schools in California and Hawaii.

The Hawaiian Islands were included in the 1952 contest by vote of the last convention of the California State Federation of Labor.

Three college scholarship awards of $500 each are being offered to senior students in California and Hawaii planning to attend a college or university upon completion of high school work.

Police Union Welcomed

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill. (LPA)—Members of the City Council here have posted a notice welcoming the forming of a policemen's union, and declaring there will be no opposition from the city.

The notice was signed by Russell T. Beebe, police commissioner.

ITU Wins $128,970 Overtime Pay For Gov't Printers

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Local 101 of the AFL International Typographical Union here has won a long legal fight to get double time and a half for employes of the Government Printing Office who worked holiday and Sunday overtime from 1943 to 1945.

A Court of Claims order handed down recently directed the government to pay 614 GOP employes a total of $128,970.76 for their overtime work during the war years.

Individual payments vary from $15 to $302.

The order followed a Supreme Court decision on a test case brought by Local 101 in behalf of John Stuart Kelly, a former GOP per diem worker. The court awarded him $172.32 for holiday and Sunday overtime work during the 1943-45 period, setting the precedent for payments to the other workers.

Minneapolis Schedules Day to Tell Teachers of Labor

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (LPA).—Something new in holidays will be initiated here April 28. School children will be given the day off while the city's 3000 public school teachers learn about organized labor's history, policies, philosophy and objectives.

The day has been designated as Labor Education Day by the school board, cooperating with the Minneapolis Central Labor Union and AFL American Federation of Teachers in arranging the program.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce also is supporting the project which is planned for every second year. In other years, the holiday will be designated as Business Education Day and the teachers will get information on the aims and objectives of the private enterprise system.

AFL President John M. Eklund said the idea is to get both sides of controversial issues presented in the schools. "Some great traditions in American life have never been adequately covered in our school curricula," he said. "Notable, one of those areas is the history and philosophy of the American trade union movement. No child can meet the problems of the modern world without a clear understanding of the aims and purposes of free trade unions. Teachers cannot impart a well-rounded education to students unless they have a good background of information on labor matters."

The Minneapolis project has been presented to the AFL Executive Council for its consideration as a plan to be sponsored by the AFL in other cities.



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Theater Employes Get News on Dues

Up and down the aisle. . . . Our Central correspondent reports that **Madeline Inchierca,** one of the box-office queens in that spot is now back at work after a Reno honeymoon. She now answers to the name of Mrs. Marks. . . . **Shirley Roberts** in to take a withdrawal from the same house. **Helen Rogers** will replace her on the candy counter. . . . **Thorvald "Mike" Severson** also of the Central will return to the door next Monday, after convalescing from a recent illness. . . . Former member **Jim Sincich,** moving from the California as assistant to **Norman Pillegarde,** to the Costa to once again become the assistant of **John Nylon,** whom he formerly served under at the Cal. . . . **Bonnie Baireuther** formerly of the Fox-Oakland in to take a withdrawal. . . . Former member **John Lynch, replacing Giovanni (John) D'Asaro** on the Oakland door as Giovanni takes a leave of absence due to injuries sustained on the job. . . . **Bertha Jerger** of the Roxie completing her entrance fees and doing a good turn for **Imogene Nixon** by paying her dues at the same time. . . . **Marjorie Perry,** not to be confused with **Margaret Perry** although both are at the Broadway making a payment early as she had an all day fishing trip scheduled on her day off. . . . **Marjorie English** leaving the Ritz in Hayward. . . . **Nina Ohlendorf,** formerly of the Granada writing in for a withdrawal. . . . Assistant Business Manager **Ann Blalock,** taking two weeks vacation, so she can get settled in her new abode in Danville. Sister **Lillian Fourmet** of the Oakland Ball Park covering the office while Business Manager **Joe Connelly** attends meetings of the negotiating committee. . . . **A big turnout expected at the March 20th night meeting when President Lubkert and Brother Connelly will report on the progress made by the committee.** Prexy Lubkert promises that the meeting will start promptly at 11:30 p. m. and that if it is the desire of the membership a time limit will be set on the hour of adjournment. You can facilitate prompt starting of the meeting by having your paid-up membership card or receipt ready to show the sergeant-at-arms.

Please do not wait until the night of the meeting to pay your dues. They should be paid during regular office hours.

Sister Blalock has been most accommodating in accepting dues on meeting nights, but this delays her attendance at the meeting. It also inconveniences the other members to delay the starting of the meeting because a few are discharging obligations in the business office that should have been taken care of during regular office hours.

If the meetings were held in another building, it would be impossible to transact the business in the business office the night of the meeting. Late arrivals for the night meeting will find themselves locked out of the building, as the front door will be locked when the meeting starts. . . . Most of the familiar faces will be back at the ball park this year with **Rose Brockway Nelson** presiding over the cashiers, ably assisted by Sisters **Edith Hill, Lillian Fourmet Engdahl, Mae Roche, Dora Bernstein, Ruth Caldwell, Helen Quintal Whitney, Laura Owen, Dorothy McCullough Boyd,** a newcomer **Audrey Ferretta,** replacing **Dorothy Hensley McGinnis.** . . . **Don Geyer** out of the Navy and phoning in to give us his new address. . . . **Ed Gardner,** on the Paramount door over a decade ago, just out of the Marines and toying with the idea of going back into the business, but not for long. . . . **Bob Hope,** in a surprise personal appearance at the Grand Lake last Monday eve. . . . There is a group of members who desire a 4 p. m. meeting, if enough members are of the same accord and will guarantee a quorum, the business office will recommend such a change to the general membership. Make your feelings on the subject known. . . . **Dick Mead** of the T & D filling in at the Home Show Door at the Exposition Building. . . . Mac Cooley, Dimond manager still on the inactive list but up and around at home. . . . **Colleen Snodgrass,** preparing to leave the T & D. . . . **Shirley Snodgrass,** the recent addition at the Paramount spending her spare time learning Japanese and taking Judo lesson. What a surprise some crasher or masher may be in for. . . . The W-2 forms for the Fox-Oakland being distributed March 10, 1952. No fault of the local staff, but something wrong in L. A. . . . **Don't forget the meeting next Thursday at 11:30 p. m.**

"WATCH IT" with Watchmakers
By George F. Allen

Watchmakers Progress On Area Wide Wage Scale

If the San Jose watchmakers' group meeting this week follows the recommendations of their committee, the union will request the San Jose employers to sign the master agreement that we have in the Bay Area. Even though we do get the master agreement signed in San Jose, we will have to submit it to the Wage Stabilization Board for approval and this will require some additional work and effort on the part of the office.

We hope to get the master agreement approved, but only time will tell as to whether or not we are successful in our objective.

If we can get the master agreement approved it will be a big help towards establishing the same wages and working conditions for watchmakers for the remaining communities between San Mateo and San Jose on the San Francisco side of the bay.

We are signing agreements as far south as Hayward, outside of Oakland, and it is possible the day will come when watchmakers will receive the same wages and working hours no matter where they go to work in this area.

Another Reminder: All dues including the current month's dues must be paid in full by the end of March in order to avoid a 10 cent per day fine for delinquency, effective April 1.

Remember! No meeting notices are sent out with regard to the monthly meetings. The union meets the fourth Thursday of every month at Native Sons Building, 414 Mason Street, San Francisco, 7:30 p. m. The next meeting will be held on March 27.

For Sale: Derbershire Chrome Lathe and 10 chucks—price $183. If interested contact the union office.

Experienced Oldster Teaches Craft Skills To Raw Apprentice

Apprenticeship Committee Release

Youngster and oldster are working side by side on Berkeley's new Willard Junior High School addition.

The youngster is Apprentice Lather Ernest C. Piazzi, 19, of 1633 Josephine Street, Berkeley.

And at his side, to give him advice in the skills of the craft, is Alex Lazarewich, one of the most active old-timers in the trade today.

Lazarewich, who lives at 437 29th Street, Richmond, now is in his 50th year of lathing. He'll be 70 on Tuesday, March 18.

Another on-the-job "supervisor" for young Piazzi is Frank Pilat, a journeyman of 2730 Oliver Avenue, Oakland, a former "student" of Lazarewich.

Piazzi, a graduate of Berkeley High School and a former Sea Scout, is receiving his work training and related classroom instruction under the guidance of the Lathers' Joint Apprenticeship Committee of Alameda County, one of the labor-management groups helping to plan the East Bay's fifth annual mass apprenticeship graduation exercises.

Approximately 300 new journeymen in more than 40 trades will receive state trade certificates at the ceremonies, scheduled for May 28 in the Oakland Auditorium.

U. C. Custodians 371 Install New Officers

By RICHARD V. SIMS
Press Correspondent for
U. C. Custodians 371

Besides the regular business matters to take care of Local 371 installed new officers at their last regular meeting. All officers with the exception of the financial secretary, are new in the position they now hold. The same stewards will remain as in the past, due to the fact they are appointed instead of being elected. They are doing a good job. It is through their close contact with the members that delinquency in dues is at a minimum.

The duties and obligations for the new officers will be the same as in the past . . . but the role of officers is different from those that are not, so let's all get behind our new officers and give them our support. One of the best ways in doing this is to attend meetings regularly.

It was a surprise as well as a delight to have Brother Stevens and Brother Falls as visitors from Local 257. Brother Stevens informed the members that he had been selected as delegate to attend the General Convention, to be held in Milwaukee, April 28-May 2. He will also represent Local 371.

It is understood that several items of importance are to come up before the convention.

The matter of holding a picnic was discussed briefly, but due to small attendance, this matter was laid over to the next meeting. So, brothers and sisters, if you are in favor of a picnic this summer be sure and attend the next meeting and tell us just how you feel about the matter.

At present we have a few brothers on the sick list. It is hoped that these brothers will soon be with us and be back on the job.

Remember that it takes one vote to decide, whether YOU attend the next meeting. That's YOUR VOTE. Next meeting April 5, 1952.

Printers Auxiliary 26 To Install New Officers

By ELIZABETH FEE
Press Correspondent
Printers Auxiliary No. 26 and
S. F.-Oakland Mailers Local 18

Woman's Auxiliary No. 26, to Oakland Typographical Union No. 36, and San Francisco-Oakland Mailers No. 18, will install the incoming officers for the following term on Charter Day, March 16, at the home of Vera Peterson, 18933 Parsons Avenue, Castro Valley.

Officers are Mary Farley, president; Freda Cripps, vice-president; Lavon Rozzell, secretary; Evelyn Wolters, treasurer; Cecelia Schroth, chaplain; Muriel Pfaffenberger, guide; Lavon Rozzell, press correspondent.

Executive board members include Muriel Pfaffenberger, Ermia Grimm, Evelyn Wolters and Elizabeth Fee.

All members of W. A. No. 26 and their families are invited to attend our 42nd anniversary, March 16. Time 1:30 p. m.

Go out MacArthur (highway 50) to sign saying Castro Valley, turn left and go to Anita, turn left on Anita, right on William and left on Parsons. Address again 18933 Parsons Avenue. Phone LUcerne 1-8461.

Ladies Auxiliary Veep Resigns Due to Illness

By OLIVE HARVEY
Press Correspondent for
Ladies Auxiliary 97 (IAM)

It is with regret that I announce the resignation of Vice-President Schaier, due to ill health. Everyone should attend our next meeting as there will be nominations in order for vice-president and that is important.

Auxiliary 97 was hostess to the District Council of the IAM Auxiliaries in January. Delegates from Richmond, Vallejo, Golden Gate and Pacifica of San Francisco were present. The meeting was called to order by President Marie Dixon of the Council.

Many interesting reports were made regarding plans for betterment of the auxiliaries and the labor and tidelands situations. Also there was an installation of new officers and a resolution regarding social members becoming officers. Pie and coffee was served by Chairman Gladys Lear assisted by Sisters Rice, Blandford and Meade.

The first March meeting of the Auxiliary was called to order by President Nelson. After the usual order of business, memorial service was held for Mary Markland. It was decided we would have mystery pals again, Sister Eva Hare to be chairman, and to have the dollar raffling plan.

The ways and means committee met at the home of Chairman Flo Clarke and they will have another ham dinner and whist afterward on April 17. Price one dollar. The place —the banquet room of St. George's hall, 25th and Grove. Remember how good the last one was, so bring your friends and enjoy another.

Also they will raffle a permanent wave at the dinner. Those present at Sister Clarke's were President Nelson, Vice-President Schaier, and Sisters Pizl and Gerholdt.

The past presidents went nightclubbing over to San Francisco to Club Shanghai. We all really enjoyed ourselves. At each annual dinner we try to do something different and this was really different, the Chinese food was delicious and the entertainment so good we stayed through two shows. Those present were Past Presidents Hare, Gerholdt, Dixon, Granter and your reporter Harvey.

Sisters Mary Logue, Dobie Dibler, and Eva Gallaher are reported ill.

Sister Emma Cooksey and Mildred O'Leary are both home from the hospital their operations reported successful and they are doing nicely.

Sister Ericson's husband is very ill with pneumonia.

Support the Union Label and buy bonds.

Union History Asked for Use in Tribune Edition

Union officers are asked to let Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash know if they have material available on the history of their locals.

The Oakland Tribune is preparing an edition celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of Oakland, and has assigned a man to the job of digging up labor history.

STROKES FROM THE BRUSH
of Local 127

Painters 127 Hope for More Than 15-Cent Hike

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

The following brothers drawing checks for disability insurance from Cal. West and unable to work. Harry Hansen, Glenn Hedrick, Hans Larsen, Ernest Latham, and Gustave Pearson. These sicknesses are all incurred before January 1 at which time our unemployment disability insurance was transferred over to the State fund. We have no way of knowing who is drawing state unemployment disability.

Meetings going on continually for revisions in our agreement to take effect June 1, 1952.

As we reported last week we are working on additional health coverage to take in the entire family dependents which we now believe will be a certainty.

In addition we are asking for the maximum increase in wages that will be permitted by the wage adjustment board.

A sub-committee of the overall negotiating committee has had several meetings and the employers agreed to recommend to the main negotiating committee an increase in health and welfare contributions from the present 2 per cent to 4 per cent of the payroll. This would mean double the present rate and for this additional premium the entire family would be provided practically the same coverage as is now enjoyed by the wage earner.

In addition the sub-committee recommended an increase in the basic wage from the present $2.45 per hour to $2.55 per hour. These increases of course to be dependent upon the wage board approval.

When the sub-committee's report was rendered to the main negotiating committee the labor board members felt it advisable to await a ruling of the wage board hoping that the board would grant more than the 15 cents per hour as offered. The 15 cents is composed of 10 cents per hour wage increase and 5 cents per hour additional health coverage for dependents.

At the meeting of Tuesday of this week the negotiating committee laid the entire matter over for one week.

Next meeting will be next Tuesday morning at which time we hope that talks will be resumed. As a comment I may be entirely wrong which I hope I am but right now I don't see too much hope of the wage board granting any more than the 15 cents per hour offered. Time will tell.

Have you secured your tickets yet for the big smoker to be held on Thursday, March 27? Hot time for all who attend but of course we will always have a goodly bunch who will say afterward that they are sorry they missed the party. The best way of not overlooking this event is to secure your tickets right away. Tickets are $1 each which covers the entire evening of entertainment and refreshments and you may bring as many friends as you wish providing they are of the male gender.

Sorry no ladies invited to this affair. The saying is if you harp long enough on any subject you will finally get your idea over. This can be proved in the case of (Open Door) Wheeler.

Last Sunday your scribe enjoyed a day long ride with (Open Door) and not once did the door on his side fly open. The same applies to (Peanut Popper) Parman who finally decided a boat is no good without a motor. Anyone having a marine motor laying around get in touch with the (Peanut Popper) Parman.

Work still slow and will be until we get a run of decent weather. Next meeting will be the night of the big smoker, March 27.

L. W. Minton Appointed to War Stabilization Board

PHILADELPHIA (LPA)—Lee W. Minton, president of the AFL Glass Bottle Blowers, has been appointed an alternate labor member of the Wage Stabilization Board.

Labor Thanked by School, Boys' Club; Permanente Writes on Pharmacy Work

Several letters received by Secretary Robert S. Ash of the Central Labor Council were referred to East Bay Labor Journal by President James Quinn with the approval of the delegates:

SELMER H. BERG, Oakland superintendent of schools, expressed thanks for the CLC action in making available reprints of Arthur D. Morse's article in McCalls Magazine on the schools. Dr. Berg said he was "sure that it will be very helpful in contradicting some of the attacks on the public schools."

DR. SIDNEY R. GARFIELD of the Permanente Hospitals, replying to complaint about the pharmacy service, wrote that "definite steps are being taken to improve this service."

JAMES A. SOLAN, writing on behalf of the national headquarters in New York of the Boys' Clubs of America, called attention to an article in the national Boys' Club Bulletin telling how building trades unions in Oakland donated labor to the value of $50,000 to the construction of the Leonard J. Meltzer clubhouse. The article includes pictures of the clubhouse, Jack Kopke and Hughie Rutledge of the Painters, and S. E. Rockwell of the Electricians. East Bay Labor Journal some time ago ran an article by Rutledge telling the story of the work done for the Boys' Club.

First U. S. labor attaches were assigned to foreign posts during World War II. In July 1951, 32 such attaches were stationed in 29 countries, supplemented by 26 trained labor reporting officers in 21 additional countries.

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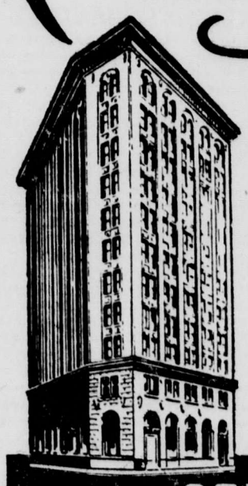
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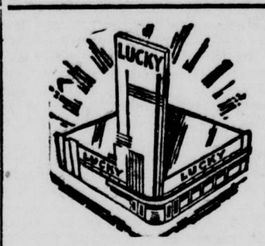

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ARE YOU CIVIC SLACKER WHO GAVE NIXON ASSIST?

Citizens of other countries sometimes wonder how we Americans can maintain interest throughout our prolonged election campaigns. In Britain and other countries an election campaign is a hundred-yard dash contrasted with our marathon of practically unlimited mileage.

The answer to the question as to how we can maintain interest is that seemingly we don't. At least, after all the noisy panting marathon is over, it turns out that a lot of us don't vote, didn't register.

In 1950, the United States had over 97,000,000 men and women over 21 years of age. In that year only a little over 40,000,000, or about 42 per cent, cast ballots in the Congressional elections. To put it the other way around, in the 1950 Congressional elections 58 per cent of the people over 21 in the United States just didn't take the trouble to vote.

In California in 1950 the people over 21 did slightly better than the national average. Forty-seven per cent of the people over 21 in this state that year managed to vote. Wonderful! Something to be proud of! Only 53 per cent of us stayed home and told the country to go to the devil.

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Nineteen fifty was the year that Richard M. Nixon was elected to the U. S. Senate to sit there until January 3, 1955.

Organized labor opposed Nixon. But disorganized labor, that is, members of labor unions who didn't have the patriotism and gumption to turn out and vote, were among those 53 per cent of the people over 21, the mob of civic slackers, who had a lot to do with the election of Nixon.

Are these civic slackers who belong to the disgraced 53 per cent proud of the achievements of this Nixon their slackerism helped to elect?

Take one example of Nixonism. Nixon has been yelling his head off about the way income taxes are handled. He has squeak-thundered in his own inimitable nixonian way about the need for drastic change.

Okay. President Truman made a proposal, along the lines of the Hoover Committee recommendations, that hereafter Internal Revenue Collectors be civil service rather than political appointees.

What does Nixon do? He AND Joe McCarthy of Wisconsin violently oppose this reform, and when it comes to a Senate committee showdown, vote against it. Something more for the disgraced 53 per cent to be proud of!

The same day Nixon mccarthyd the President's reform proposal, Senator Knowland filed for reelection.

Are we to have 53 per cent slackerism in the Knowland candidacy also?

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Registration closes April 10. There's an 8-column line in large type running at the top of the front page of East Bay Labor Journal reminding all readers of that fact, and there it will appear in every issue until the last one before registration closes.

Union officials! Ask your members to register! Get a deputy registrar in your office! Have that deputy registrar at all meetings!

Union members! If your union officials are asleep, don't do any snoring yourself. Wake up and register!

BITS AND BITES

TWO MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND unemployed in the U. S., they say, some 43,000 in Detroit who have already exhausted all government benefits and must now do what next. Due to retooling for cold war production, of course. Yet Secretary of Labor Tobin says that 3,500,000 new jobs will have to be filled in the next two years to keep the guns-and-butter production program going properly. Cold war economics is getting too hot to handle!

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MEANWHILE, IN PARIS they gag that "a poor American is one who washes his Cadillac himself." For though we have unemployment due to retooling, and certainly something must be done about it, to Europeans our conditions naturally look wonderful. Expert judgment is that Italy has 3,000,000 people that are really surplus, no chance for permanently working them into the economy; Germany has a million and a half, and the Dutch, Austrians and Greeks together at least a half million.

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HERBERT HOOVER, Professor Schlesinger of Harvard points out, is very much worried about "the mink coats, the deep freezers, the free hotel bills," yet "Mr. Hoover sat in entire complacency as Secretary of Commerce while his colleague, Secretary of the Interior Fall, sought to loot the government of sums which make the deep freezers and the free hotel bills of the Truman Administration vanish into insignificance," and eight days after Fall hastily resigned under fire, Hoover wrote to Fall that "I trust the time will come when your private affairs will enable you to return to public life."

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MR. HOOVER'S SLOWNESS about getting stirred up against the evils of the Harding Administration, and his later slowness as President to get stirred up about the distress of the common man and woman after the great Republican crash of the late 'twenties, brings to mind what Abe Lincoln said about another Great Engineer. Lincoln complained that Gen. George B. McClellan was slow about moving against the enemy. Someone protested that McClellan was a very great Army engineer. To which Lincoln replied: "He is an admirable engineer, but he seems to have a great talent for a stationary engine."

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"CURL UP AND DIE!" was the brutal advice given by Forbes Magazine, "the magazine of business," to the National Association of Manufacturers recently. The big boys brought a lot of pressure to bear on Forbes to retract, and he did, after a fashion, but he included in his "retraction" the delicate hint that "the NAM still has a long way to go to convince the public that its fight and their interest are ultimately the same in the preservation of free enterprise." Forbes might have added that every inch of that "long way to go" will be made on a pavement of hot air.

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FRIEND AND FOE
In Radio and Press

T. J. ROBERTS of the Engineers recently in the Central Labor Council called attention to a report issued by the Oakland City Planning Commission entitled "Shoreline Development: A Part of the Master Plan."

Brother Roberts is always alert to civic matters. He has seen tremendous changes in his many decades of life in this area, and he is far more aware than are many of our younger men that many more changes are on the way. So it is natural that this long-range plan looking far into the future should interest him.

The report itself says "it should be emphasized that this is a long-range plan covering a period of 30 to 40 years—or more."

PLANNING is a word to which most of us have very strong reactions. Most of us either hate the idea of planning, planning on a large civic scale, that is, or are prone to go overboard with enthusiasm for the idea. The present writer belong to the latter group.

If you're a planning-lover it's a delight to thumb through this beautiful report with its 89 pages and 11 maps, charts and drawings. If you love this area, and wish to see civilization rather than chaos rise here and flourish, you are stirred by the thought of all the skills and foresights involved in this project, and are stirred also by a great hope that the plan described in it is sound and that we shall carry it out soundly.

Whether or not it actually is a sound plan, one would have to be much better informed than the writer of this comment to know. But speaking simply as an interested reader of a work by experts, one can say that it is impressive and persuasive.

THE RECREATION area south of the airport which the report proposes, the chart and imaginative panoramic view of it, is sure to interest even the most casual thumber-throughter.

The report explains that this waterfront recreation area would be "designed to provide sufficient beach space and safe, pollution-free swimming area to accommodate peak-hour crowds comfortably; a yacht harbor and related facilities of sufficient size to meet the needs of Oakland and environs; an attractive, safe watercourse for motorboats, rowboats, canoes and small sailing craft; and a variety of other recreation facilities so that the development will have wide appeal and will be intensively used."

The pen sketches of the way this recreation area will look if constructed make you want to hitch up and drive the old jalopy right down there at once.

"ALMOST EVERY PROJECT recommended can be developed in stages," says the report. "Each of the public improvements is contingent on the taxpayers' willingness to pay for it. Each of the private projects must await the day when it is economically justified. But all of the recommendations are within the range of reasonable probability if Oakland continues to grow and prosper."

One of the reasons why Oakland should "continue to grow and prosper" is indicated in the report's stressing the need for "reservation of waterfront lands for the great expansion of the port which eventually will be needed when the Orient becomes industrialized and transpacific trade increases consequently."

Well, this planning report must have taken a lot of planning, and it's to be assumed that City Planning Engineer John G. Marr had a good deal to do with it. —LB.

ARMED STRENGTH IS NOT ENOUGH, SAYS AFL AIDE

CHICAGO (LPA)—"We cannot rely on military strength alone to keep our part of the world free and democratic," Richard Deverall told 750 people at the John A. Ryan Forum here. Deverall is the AFL representative in the Far East.

"We've got to rely more and more heavily on measures such as Point Four to help the under-privileged nations to help themselves," he said. Discussing "What the Average American Can Do For Peace," Deverall said everything we do to wipe out racial discrimination at home and abroad helps eliminate the distrust which other people feel toward us.

He charged that the new U. S. treaty with Japan contains remnants of colonialism and imperialism. He pointed out that American servicemen committing crimes in Japan are tried, not by Japanese courts, but by U. S. military courts. "The Japanese feel that we're looking down our noses at them," said Deverall. "In England any GI who commits a crime outside a military establishment comes under English courts."

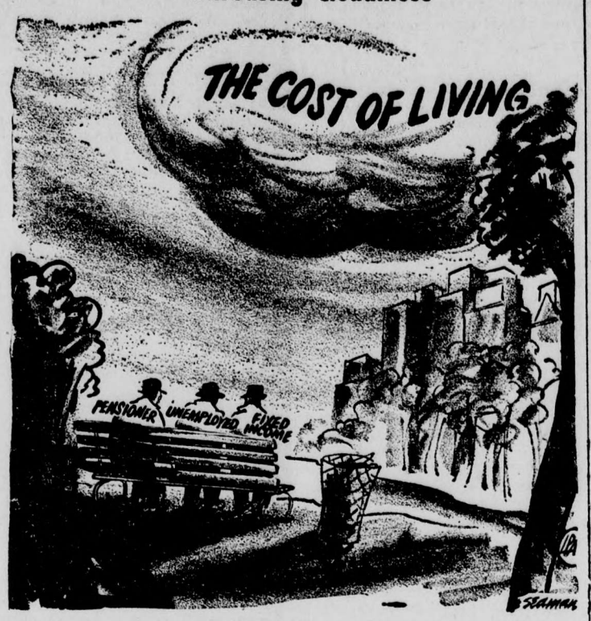
Deverall declared that both as a civilian and an Army man abroad he had been shocked by the conduct of American troops in foreign countries.

FREEDOM OF PRESS COMMUNIST STYLE

PHILADELPHIA (LPA)—When press photographers sought admission to a rally sponsored by the Philadelphia Freedom of the Press Association, officials tried to bar their way and appealed to Detective Sergeant James McTague to throw them out. He refused. "This is a freedom of the press rally, isn't it? Well, I believe in freedom of the press, too," he said.

After the cameramen entered, some 300 persons in the audience booed and jeered, jostled, grabbed and assaulted the photographers. Speakers at the rally were Steve Nelson, one of the convicted Communist leaders, and John Pittman, foreign affairs editor of the Communist Daily Worker.

"Increasing Cloudiness"



SCHOOL ENEMIES LAUD M'CARTHY

Labor, the railwaymen's national weekly, published recently an account of some more doings of the socalled National Council for American Education which was exposed in the McCall's Magazine article reprinted by East Bay Labor Journal. Incidentally, CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash has pamphlet reprints of that article available for anyone interested. The railwaymen's story is as follows:

Many parents and other people have been wondering who is back of the attacks on the public schools all over the country. It has been no secret that the organization most active in stirring up these attacks calls itself the National Council for American Education, but what are the political and economic views of the gentlemen who run it?

That question now is partly answered by the "Council" itself. It "tips its mitt" by distributing a bulletin lavishly lauding what it calls some "extremely important books," among them these:

M'CARTHY, FLYNN, M'ARTHUR

Senator Joseph R. McCarthy's book viciously attacking General George C. Marshall, America's top military leader in the winning of the Second World War, and a man for whom the great majority of our people feel deep respect. By publishing this book as a "reprint" of a speech he made in the Senate, McCarthy was, as always, careful to keep his senatorial "immunity" from prosecution for libel.

Next is a book by John T. Flynn, who, as readers of LABOR know, has long been playing the game of wealthy reactionaries by trying to hang the "Red label" on every public man or measure attempting to do anything to improve the lot of the common people.

"CHINA LOBBY" GAME

The "Council" recommends not only one, but two books about General Douglas MacArthur, plus a book by MacArthur's former "intelligence chief," General Willoughby, whose failure to find out what the Chinese "Reds" were doing has been blamed for the greatest defeat in American history, the retreat from North Korea.

It seems significant that all the books mentioned so far are right up the alley of the "China Lobby," which is trying to convince the American people they should send their sons to fight and die for Chiang Kai-shek.

Next comes a book by Herbert Hoover, whom the "Council" lauds as "one of the finest administrators in history," though Hoover didn't do much of an administrative job when he let millions of people go hungry and jobless in the "Great Depression."

ZOLL "FRONT MAN"

Most of the other books praised by the "Council" are attacks, in one form or another, on the public schools and even on conservative private universities whose teachings are not reactionary enough to suit the secret supporters of the "Council."

Its front man, Allen Zoll, formerly was "commander" of "The American Patriots," an organization which was listed by the U. S. Attorney General as subject to suspicion of being "Fascistic." During the Second World War, when Uncle Sam was fighting Hitler's Nazi, Zoll's "Patriots" sponsored speeches by Joseph McWilliams and Gerald L. K. Smith, who had been lauding Hitler as a great man who had just the "medicine" needed in the United States.

P.-T. A. ON ALERT

The American people thoroughly dislike Communism, Zoll, his "Council" and other anti-public school organizations know that, so their "theme song" is that the "Reds" are taking over the nation's schools. They also insist that the "Three Rs" are not being taught properly, because the schools are run by "progressive educators."

Perhaps, in some schools, "progressive educators" have made mistakes and should be called to account. But destroying the public schools to get rid of mistakes would be as foolish as "throwing the baby out with the bath water."

One powerful force back of the attacks on the public schools consists of wealthy reactionaries who have plenty of money to educate their own children, and don't like to pay taxes to educate the boys and girls of people who are not rich.

That hostile force is understood by the Parents and Teachers Association, which has more than 6,000,000 members in its local branches all over the country.

POOR WHITES

INDIANAPOLIS (LPA)—Replying to a questionnaire sent out by the Indianapolis Church Federation, 23 white Protestant churches said they would not accept visitors from other races at their services. Fifty-four other churches, among them 19 Negro churches, said they would. A total of 118 churches replied to the questionnaire, but 41 did not answer that question.

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Mr. Otis W. Stillwell, General Contractor, 6156 Baker Street, Oakland.
Mr. Charles Conkel, Specialty Contractor (Sprinkler Systems, etc.), 1624 West Fourth street, Livermore, Calif.
Oakland Roofing Company, 4114 Linden street, Oakland, Calif.
Mr. Lorne Merritt, General Contractor, 1910 170th avenue, Hayward.
Mr. F. Geo. H. Stanley, Contractor, 2537 Ritchie Street, Oakland.
I. Magnin Co.
E. I. DuPont de Nemours, Paint Manufacturing Co., South San Francisco
Webster Street, Oakland.
Retail Credit Association, 1803
Hotel Menlo. 13th and Webster Streets, Oakland
West Coast Macaroni Manufacturing Co., 1250 57th Avenue, Oakland
Portland Hotel, 476 Ninth Street, Oakland
All Scale Companies not displaying the Union Shop Card
Electric Refrigeration Service Co., 5921 Grove Street, Oakland
Rio Theater, Park Street, Alameda
Times Theater, Webster Street, Alameda, Calif.
Stanley W. Taylor, 1200 Bancroft Avenue, San Leandro, Calif.
Western Interiors Blind Co., 3000 Willow Road, San Pablo, Calif.
E. A. Ferracone, Exterior Decorator, 3993 Altamont Avenue, Oakland.

186 DUPONTS CONTROL $8 BILLION IN ASSETS: CHARGE

CHICAGO (LPA)—The government has charged that 186 members of the fabulous duPont dynasty control five corporations with assets of more than $6,072,048,189. The corporations are: E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co., General Motors Corp., U. S. Rubber Co., Christiana Securities Co., and Delaware Realty & Investment Corp.

The last two are holding companies owned entirely by duPonts.

The charge was made March 4, when the government sought to name 186 members of the family as class defendants in the suit charging violation of the anti-trust laws. Original defendants were the five companies and Pierre S. duPont, Lammot duPont, and Irenee duPont, brothers, and all descendants of Pierre Samuel duPont de Nemours, who came from France to found the dynasty.

The government wants to name these three also as class defendants along with the other 183, who are brothers and sisters, or their descendants, and include members of the families of nine duPont brothers and sisters and the descendants of a second cousin. There are more than 800 in the family, but the others hold minor shares.

(Pierre is one of the chief backers of the "millionaires' amendment" to limit federal taxes to 25 per cent, thus shift the tax burden to the poor.)

The government charges that through the two holding companies the duPonts control the other giant corporations, and wants the court to order the duPonts to give up control of all five.

SARR ASKS SCHOOLS TO TEACH PUPILS ABOUT UNIONS

CONCORD, N. H. (LPA) — No school should claim to have done a good job unless it prepares its students to "connect happily" with all organized groups, including unions, of the modern community, Mark Starr told pupils of St. Paul's School recently.

Starr, who is educational director of the AFL International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, said "Organized labor has suffered most by . . . neglect of and misinformation about its activities. Only the occasional strikes and rare episodes of violence and labor racketeering are usually considered as news. Labor's contribution to community welfare receives recognition only on rare occasions."

He pointed out that little publicity was given to the fact that Kurt Carlsen, heroic skipper of the Flying Enterprise, is a member of the AFL Masters, Mates and Pilots, and that the men who worked several years ago to rescue 3-year-old Kathie Fiscus from an abandoned oil well shaft were members of the AFL Operating Engineers.

"The school must aid men and women of good will," he said, "to replace a false picture by one based on facts, if industrial relations are to be understood and cooperation between intelligent management and labor is to progress."

OLD UNION RECORDS SOUGHT FOR THEIR POLITICAL VALUE

COLUMBIA, Mo. (LPA)—Missouri University wants old records from the state's unions, because it considers them the stuff from which history is written. The university wants union minute books, correspondence, business records, and any other old labor documents.

Without extensive coverage of the organized labor movement, no real social and economic history of an area or of the nation can be written, according to James M. Prim, director of the university's Western Historical Manuscript Collection.

Writing to the St. Louis Trades and Labor Union and other area labor bodies, Prim declared there may be a great deal of important historical material in the files of many unions, and in the possession of formed union officers or veteran members. Prim suggested that unions send him their old records instead of destroying them. He urged union veterans and their friends, who have union items of unusual interest, to get in touch with him.

AFL FIGHTS HARD AGAINST BIGOTRY

George Meany, AFL secretary-treasurer, wrote the following in a recent issue of The American Federationist:

Here in America we have our own little Hitlers. Racial and religious discrimination on the job still exists. Bigotry and prejudice are human failings which are difficult to eradicate.

The Jewish Labor Committee has been doing yeoman work in this field. And Bill Green has backed it up at every opportunity.

Quietly but effectively, he has striven over the years to eliminate this blight upon our democracy, to uphold the high principles of the American Federation of Labor, which knows no color lines and which recognizes no religious bars—whose founder and first president, as every one knows, was a Jew—and the record proves the high degree of progress he achieved.

EYE CARE CENTER FOR UNION MEMBERS

CHICAGO (LPA)—The co-op Union Eye Care Center, in the first eight weeks of operation, found 20 patients who had eye disease serious enough to lead to total blindness if undetected. Every one of them had no idea there was anything wrong with his eyes.

The co-op has 60,000 owner-users. It is a private plan for 38 AFL and CIO local unions. In its first eight weeks the center was used by 1060 patients, who visited the center 2241 times. They get complete medical eye exams, have the use of a modern optical shop where glasses are sold at fixed prices approved by the directors, all union members.

OUGHT CONGRESS BE TELEVISED?

Christian Science Monitor

Speaker Rayburn's ruling barring radio and television from Congressional hearings involves questions which deserve the most careful consideration. Involved here are two fundamental rights.

One right is that of the public to full information about government. The other right is that of the individual against persecution by government.

These are not theoretical rights. They are tested in virtually every Congressional hearing. That currently getting the biggest headlines—the McCarran committee's squabble with Owen Lattimore—well illustrates both.

The effects of radio and television have also been illustrated, notably by the Kefauver crime investigations last year. TV gave the public a most vivid picture of the nation's crime problem.

It can be argued that TV pictures may do injustice and scraps of conversation caught on a tape recorder may produce a false impression. But the same charges can be brought against photographs and headlines.

It is true that TV can change the whole atmosphere of a hearing. There is real danger that participants will become actors seeking public applause rather than solid information. Citizens must be concerned also lest hasty judgments—virtual mob decisions—be promoted by taking the multitudes into the courtroom as it were.

But where do you reasonably draw the line on public hearings? And need the effects of radio and television be so very different from those of photographs and newspapers? TV can be tamed so that it does not turn a hearing room into a kleig-blistered stage.

The use of this new instrument will require some experimentation to determine how and where it can be wisely employed. But virtually every danger cited against TV arises more from the way hearings are handled than from the inherent nature of the instruments of information. With or without TV, reform is overdue.

With or without TV, counsel and witnesses can turn hearings into a rabble-rousing circus rather than a calm search for truth. With or without TV, Congressmen can pervert inquiries into personal or political publicity campaigns. With or without TV, officials clothed with immunity can intimidate and persecute citizens. With or without TV, witnesses can resort to counter-attacks on committees.

The McCarran-Lattimore battle proves that the abuses are primarily in the manner of conducting hearings. We would not condone the violence of Mr. Lattimore's attack on the McCarran committee. But it and other committees have set the tone of this controversy. They have abused official powers and destroyed individual rights. Weeks ago the chairman of this committee publicly prejudged the results of the investigation which is still incomplete. The whole trend of questioning has suggested a purpose to find support for a certain political viewpoint rather than to bring out the whole truth.

The use of TV might exacerbate and multiply such sideshows. Again it might show them up and force reforms. With or without TV, Congress must do something to clean up its own investigating house. It is giving less time to legislation, more time to investigations. Fewer of the investigations are producing information to be used in legislation; more of them are producing headlines and politically potent emotions.

With or without TV, the public's right to information must be maintained and strengthened. With or without TV, the individual's right to protection against official persecution must be maintained and strengthened. The immediate responsibility rests on Congress. Congress will reform itself if the public insists.

ST. LOUIS UNIONS TALK OVER IDEA OF UNION BURIAL CO-OP

St. Louis Labor Tribune

A group of St. Louis AFL and CIO union representatives are discussing the feasibility of forming a cooperative undertaking establishment to provide members and their dependents with less expensive burials.

They claim that the average cost of a funeral in St. Louis is $825, and that it is an inflated cost, too high for most working class families. It eats up the bulk of the insurance which the deceased provided largely for their dependents and not just for the welfare of the funeral director.

These union officials will confer this week with officers of United Mine Workers locals in three Southern Illinois mining communities who some time ago formed a cooperative funeral home which provides funerals at an average cost of $550.

Obviously the cost of operating mortuary establishments, like everything else, has soared considerably. Whether the profits on funerals is excessive we frankly can't say since we have never seen an impartial analysis on this topic.

But down through the years there has been a general impresssion that the cost of dying was growing increasingly exorbitant as the practices of this esoteric cult became more refined and artificial.

The experiment of the St. Louis labor group, if it materializes, will be watched with interest. Burial cooperatives are neither new nor novel. There are many of them. But organized labor has been the Johnny-come-lately in the enterprise.

An actual venture into the burial business, which, despite its window dressing, is a business run strictly for profit, will show whether or not less costly funerals can be provided on the same basis in competition with private morticians.

The sad thing about this enterprise is that bereaved relatives have neither the time nor the inclination to go shopping among funeral directors for the best package deal when their beloved pass on to the great beyond.

Yes indeed, this experiment by the union group, if it materializes, will be watched with great interest.

DON'T LET YOUR CALENDAR TELL YOU HOW OLD YOU OUGHT TO BE

Denver Democrat

In the day of Julius Caesar, 25 was a ripe old age. A Gay Nineties' worker was ready for the scrap heap at 40.

Today, life expectancy skyrockets. For the third time in a 77-year life span Winston Churchill thunders against the foes of freedom. Ninety-year-old Grandma Moses, who created a sprightly new career in art at 80, is really "living it up" . . . So your best years may be ahead of you.

According to George Lawton, author and director of the Old Age Counselling Center, New York City, your mental power doesn't reach its peak until 60 . . . Wisdom increases constantly, while creative activity never declines.

Ladies will like to know that in Europe no dramatic heroine is taken seriously unless in her 30's . . . woman gains greater charm around 40 . . . and may even be a "femme fatale" at 50.

You'll be interested in the age that many persons reach before achieving "Professional Maturity" (you drive best from 45 to 52, also according to Mr. Lawton) . . . chemists, 41; inventors, poets and playwrights, 44; novelists, 64; soldiers, 47; actors and composers, 48; artists and clergymen, 50; doctors and politicians, 52; astronomers, mathematicians and humorists, 56; historians, 57; lawyers and naturalists, 58. Some do their finest work much later. Verdi was over 70 when he composed his supreme operas. Gladstone at 83 formed his fourth British government; and Titian painted his greatest masterpiece in his 90's.

Of course, it isn't mere longevity—it's a long, active, useful life that makes for fame, fortune and happiness.

So never mind the lies the calendar tells about your birthdays. Take the dictionary's word for it that "young" means . . . fresh, strong, vigorous, enthusiastic.

PERFECT SQUELCH

The talkative lady was telling her husband about the bad manners of an acquaintance who had recently paid her a visit.

"If that woman yawned once while I was talking to her," she said, "she yawned 11 times."

"Perhaps she wasn't yawning, dear," the husband said, "maybe she wanted to say something."

Few minds wear out; more rust out.—Boves.

MOVING?

ARE YOU MOVING TO A NEW ADDRESS?

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